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SUBJECT: FOREIGN TRADE: MARCH EXPORTS

1. CANADA' S GLOBAL EXPORTS FOR MARCH 1973 TOTALLED C\$ 1,892 MILLION ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL FIGURES. THIS REPRESENTS 22 PERCENT RISE OVER MARCH 1972. EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES, UP 17 PERCENT, TOTALLED C\$ 1,356 MILLION.

2. FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1973, CANADA' S GLOBAL EXPORTS WERE C\$ 5,474 MILLION, UP 24 PERCENT OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES , UP 21.5 PERCENT, TOTALLED C\$ 3,934 MILLION. IN RESPECT TO OTHER MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS, JAN- MARCH EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE UP 74 PERCENT, TO EEC (EXCLUDING NEW MEMBERS) UP 8 PERCENT AND TO UNITED KINGDOM UP 35 PERCENT.

3. COMMODITIES SHOWING MAJOR EXPORT INCREASES FOR FIRST QUARTER INCLUDED AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, LUMBER, CRUDE OIL, NEWSPRINT, WHEAT, COAL, NICKEL AND COPPER ORES AND METALS.

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